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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LUBBOCK TX
600 AM CST FRI MAR 7 2003

WRITTEN BY NWS NORMAN...OK
...CONTINUING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN TEXAS...

SAFETY AFTER THE STORM

VIOLENT THUNDERSTORM WINDS...LARGE HAIL...AND TORNADOES CAN CAUSE
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS...TREES...AND POWER LINES.
KNOWING WHAT TO DO TO STAY SAFE AFTER A STORM CAN SOMETIMES BE
JUST AS IMPORTANT AS SAFETY BEFORE AND DURING A STORM.

BROKEN GLASS...STRUCTURAL DAMAGE...AND DOWNED POWER LINES
REPRESENT THE GREATEST THREAT TO PERSONAL SAFETY AFTER A DAMAGING
THUNDERSTORM. YOU SHOULD NOT TRY TO ENTER A HEAVILY DAMAGED
BUILDING. PARTS OF THE STRUCTURE MAY COLLAPSE WITHOUT WARNING...
AND DISTURBING THE BUILDING MAY EVEN ACCELERATE ITS COLLAPSE.
ALSO...DAMAGE TO PIPES WITHIN THE BUILDING CAN CAUSE NATURAL GAS
LEAKS...RESULTING IN AN INCREASED FIRE DANGER. BE EXTRA CAREFUL
WHEN SIFTING THROUGH PILES OF DEBRIS...MAKING SURE TO AVOID
NAILS...BROKEN GLASS...AND SHARDS OF METAL. STAY AWAY FROM
DOWNED POWER LINES.

A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT CAN HELP FAMILIES HANDLE THE
AFTERMATH OF A STORM. THE KIT SHOULD CONTAIN ITEMS FROM SIX
BASIC CATEGORIES...WATER...FOOD...FIRST AID SUPPLIES...CLOTHING
AND BEDDING...EMERGENCY SUPPLIES...AND SPECIAL ITEMS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SAFETY AFTER THE STORM AND ON DEVELOPING
A SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY PLAN...VISIT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
WEBSITE AT WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV.

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